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STEAMERS TO LONDON CALLING AT ADEN, HODEIDA, JEDDAH, ALGIERS, & LISBON.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited) will despatch the S. S. ARCOT, 1,782 Tons, 250 H. P., Commander J. HENDERSON, as above on SATURDAY, the 12th January 1878.

The Arcot is fitted in the usual style of the Company's vessels, and has excellent accommodation for 24 First-class Passengers and 16 Second-class.

For Freight or passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the S. S. AFRICA, 2,282 Tons, 250 H. P., Commander J. PATERSON, on SATURDAY the 5th January 1878, at 4 p.m., calling at Ratnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Pamben, Negatam, Pondicherry, Madras, Masulipatam, Cocconada, Visagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point, and at any other place where inducement offers.

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked fortnightly by the steamers on this line hence or from Intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Steamers of the Compagnie Nationale Maritime de la France which run regularly.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Kurrachee. Merchandize Destined for Bagdad are forwarded per Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch the S.S. ABYSSINIA, 1,126 Tons, 135 H.P., Commander J. SHARP, on THURSDAY, the 3rd January 1878, at 4 p.m., to the PERSIAN GULF, touching at KURRACHEE, GWADUR, JASK, BUNDERABBAS, LINGA BUSHIRE, FAO, SUSRAH, and occasionally at BAHRKIN and MAHOMARAH.

N.B—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents

BI-WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will, during the fair season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every THURSDAY at 4 p.m., and an Extra Steamer every TUESDAY at 10 a.m.

The S. S. AKOLA, 878 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander F. G. HAZY, on TUESDAY, the 1st January 1878, at 10 a.m., calling at Veraval, Mangrole, Poze Rundee and Dutch Mandvie.

The S. S. ABYSSINIA, 1,126 Tons, 135 H. P., Commander J. SHARP, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 3rd January 1878, at 4 p.m.

N. B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY VIA SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 1st and 16th of each month,

For extra steamers see list given below.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£8	Without food.
Suez	36	24	9	
Port Said	38	26	10	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	Including Wines
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years—free of charge. Children not above 10 years—half rates.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY :—

ARABIA to sail on FRIDAY, 1st February 1878.
PERSIA, to sail on WEDNESDAY, 27th February 1878.
AUSTRALIA, to sail on FRIDAY, 1st March 1878.
ASSYRIA, to sail on MONDAY, 1st April 1878.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The steamers of this Company, as a rule, start precisely at 10 A.M. Any unavoidable detention will, however, be advertised at least one day previously.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 2, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 23rd October 1877.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

FORTNIGHTLY BETWEEN GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY.

CALLING AT NAPLES ON THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the Anchor Line will sail from Bombay as under :—

	Tons. H.P.	From Bombay.	
MACEDONIA	2,972	486	January 12
THINACRIA	2,107	424	" 23
THESSALY	"	"	February 2
EUROPA	2377	424	" 16
CASTALIA	2,200	424	} At fortnightly intervals.
ITALIA	2,246	424	

The Thessaly is the property of Mr. David Mackrer, M. P. She will not carry passengers

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

To Naples ..... Rs. 400
To Liverpool ..... " 500

Passengers desirous of making a short stay in Italy, may disembark at Naples and proceed on to Liverpool by the following steamer, and passengers embarking at Naples can have their heavy baggage taken on to Liverpool without any extra charge.

Messrs. HOLME & Co., the Company's Agents at Naples, will render any assistance, and tender any information required by the Passengers.

Passengers booked and cargo engaged in connection with the trans-Atlantic Service from London and Glasgow to New York.

For Passage, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, November 13, 1877.

HALL LINE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, DIRECT, AND TO LONDON, OVERLAND *via* NAPLES OR GENOA.

THE S. S. TRENTHAM HALL, 2,120 Tons register, 300 H. P nominal, Captain J. SHAW, will sail about the 9th January and will be followed by the

S. S. CHILDWALL HALL, 2,100 Tons register, 300 H. P. nominal, Captain F. TAGGARTHEN, on the 20th February, and by the

S. S. BRANKSOME HALL, 2,100 Tons register, 300 H. P. nominal, Captain BRAND, on the 6th March, and by the

S. S. CITY OF BALTIMORE, 2,200 Tons register, 300 H. P. nominal, Captain T. COLLINS, on the 20th March, and by the

S. S. TRENTHAM HALL, 2,120 Tons register, 300 H. P. nominal, Captain J. SHAW, on the 3rd April.

For passage, &c. apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.

N. B.—Messrs. HENRY S. KING and Co. and Messrs. KING BAILLIE and Co. are the Passenger Agents for this Line in London and Liverpool respectively. Arrangements for Bankers' Sovereigns Circular Notes, Shipment of Baggage &c., will be attended to by Messrs. KING, KING & Co. here.

Bombay, December 27, 1877.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other Steamers will be despatched for EUROPE :—

Vessels.	Tons. H.P.	Captain.	1878
SUMATRA	2488	450	C. Anderson ... 7th Jan.
(c) THIBET	2903	400	J. H. Torbock ...14th do.
CHINA	2916	450	T. Alderton.....21st do.
(b) TEHERAN	2589	400	A. H. Johnson ..28th do.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked (c) proceed direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P. M. on the day of sailing.

For Passage &c., apply to

J. R. KELLOCK,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 1st January 1878.

TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta :—

Vessels.	Tons. H.P.	Captains.	
IN PORT	2470	520	R.C. Stallard.. 8th Jan.
LOMBARDY	2723	450	W. S. Hall .....22nd Jan.
KHIVA	2669	450	G. Lee ..... 5th Feb.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P. M. on the day of sailing.

For Passage &c., apply to

J. R. KELLOCK,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 1st January 1878.

TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY, CALLING AT COLOMBO AND GALLE.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports :—

Vessels.	Tons. H.P.	Captains.	
TANJORE	2263	450	W. W. Fentiman.. 4th Jan.
SIAM	2000	500	G. N. Hector ..... 1st Feb.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P. M. on the day of sailing.

For Passage &c., apply to

J. R. KELLOCK,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 1st January 1878.

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

SPECIAL THREE-MONTHLY RETURN TICKETS.

TO suit the convenience of Government Officials and others taking PRIVILEGE LEAVE, the Company has arranged to issue from this date RETURN TICKETS available for THREE MONTHS (counting from the date of sailing to the date of arrival) at the following REDUCED RATES :—

Bombay to Brindisi or Venice and back (including transit through Egypt) ..... Rs. 950
Ditto with the option of travelling ONE way *viâ* Southampton ..... " 1,000

J. R. KELLOCK,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 15th December 1877.

NOTICE.—ANCHOR LINE, INDIAN SERVICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per S. S. MACEDONIA, are hereby informed of this Steamer's ARRIVAL from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL, and are requested to present their BILLS of LADING, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS without delay.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.—HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per S. S. [illegible] are hereby informed of the Steamer's ARRIVAL from LIVERPOOL, and are requested to present their BILLS OF LADING, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS without delay.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE,

ON board the Steamship TARTAR, a Solid Mahogany Semi-Cottage PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD. Scale 7 octaves; almost new; a beautiful toned instrument. Apply to Captain JOHNSON, on board, or at Messrs. CURSETJEE and EDULJEE, Dubashes.

Bombay, 26th December 1877.

SALES BY AUCTION.

C. D. FLETCHER AND COMPANY,
No. 9, MEADOW STREET.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome household black-wood furniture &c., &c.

TO-MOR' ROW, THURSDAY, the 3rd inst., Mr. C. D. FLETCHER will submit to Public Auction without reserve the following goods :—A handsome pair of black-wood carved sofas, a washstand table and dressing table to match, a large bedstead with curtains pillows, and spring mattress complete, a child's blackwood swinging cot and curtains, also an iron child's cot, with mattress, a handsomely carved round table, easy chair, and blackwood screen, &c., &c.,"

C. D. FLETCHER & Co.

Bombay, 2nd January 1878.

JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, No. 25, APOLLO STREET, FORT.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 2nd inst., at 1 P.M., Messrs. JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their room the following :—

An invoice consisting of very fancy lady's fans, real meerschaum pipes and cigar holders with amber mouth pieces, briar wood pipes, another o'pearl illuminum and various sorts of silver, studs and collar buttons, gold collar and shirt buttons, illuminum gold pen and pencils, leather money purses, courier bags, rubber tobacco pouches, lady's belts, &c., &c.

1 case of fancy glass inkstands and paper weights of various sorts.

Lots of house-hold furniture, &c., belonging to a gentleman changing his residence, the same consisting of round table with marble top, carved drawing room chairs lined with silk damask, French polished and blackwood carved dressing tables, mahogany dressing glasses, French polished long arm easy chairs, bidiecu chairs, sideboard, large size bedstead with mattresses, iron and brass bedsteads, tea-poys, folding screens, harmonium, towel horses, hutches, cupboards, chess boards, bath tubs, &c., &c.

On account and at the risk of Ahmedbhoy Dossabhoy.
15 bundles of galvanized netting of size.
1 case of screws.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 2nd January 1878.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass and porcelainwares, mahogany cottage chandoliers, by Robert Cocks and Co., at Byculla, on the top floor of the house, occupied by the Windsor Castle Hotel.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 2d January, sale commencing at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Byculla, the household furniture, of JAMES MURPHY, Esq., and another gentleman, the same comprises handsome crystal and cut-glasswares, dinner dessert and breakfast services, best plated ice pitcher, cruet-stand, waiter, decanter-stands, table spoons and forks, table and candlesticks, table and hanging argand-lamps and lustres, [illegible] plated and [illegible] fitted in a spacious [illegible] drawing-room, pier dressing [illegible] and tables, conversation and reclining couches, drawing room, [illegible] and without arm chairs, side-board, dumb waiter, [illegible], sofas, clothes presses, chest of drawers, wardrobes, English-made walnut-wood settee, carpet, a mahogany cottage pianoforte by Robert Cocks, camp-cots, garden benches, China arm chairs, flower vases, table ornaments, musical box, bath, dispense and cook-room furniture and utensils, wearing apparels, books, &c.

Now on view.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY ON THE GIRGAUM ROAD OPPOSITE THE CHEERA BAZAAR.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, at 4 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee Ramchunder Succaram, and on account and at the risk of Ramchunder Damodher, the surviving mortgagor, and also on account and at the risk of the estate of the mortgagor the late Damoder Juggonathjee, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the Indenture of mortgage, dated the 16th day of December 1872,

All that piece of Government ground together with the dwelling-house standing thereon, situate on the west side of Girgaum Road, in the suburbs of Bhaudeshwar, without the Fort of Bombay, registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 84, containing by admeasurement 65 feet in length and 42 feet in breadth or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by the Girgaum Road, on the west by the house of Wittoba Gunnesh, on the north by the house of Succaram Cunderseth, on the south by the house of Parsee Cursetjee Byramjee.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD AND CO.

SALE OF F. G. COWARD AND CO.'S SUPERIOR PERFUMERY, COMFITS AND MEDICINE.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 3rd January, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms, an invoice of Coward's superior perfumery, &c., just landed ex s. s. Mongolia, consisting of peppermint and assorted lozenges, drops, comfits, seidlitz powders, carbonate of soda, tartaric acid, cream of tartar, essence of ginger and peppermint, spirits of hartshorn and lavender, balsam capivi, chl-rodine, brandy bitters, assorted perfumes, smelling salt, aromatic vinegrette, oil and milk of roses, golden and lavender oil, camphorated and Victoria dentifrice, Jamaica ginnatton, honey soap, &c.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY next, the 7th instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, By order of the Administrator General, a quantity of silver ware, &c., belonging to the estate of the late Mr. John Chesson, consisting of tea and coffee service, salt cellars, bread basket, spoons and forks, McCabe's clock, &c.

Also by order of the Administrator General,

Household furniture and enquiry effects of the late Mr. Michael Roonan, consisting of camp tables, easy chair, campcot, wearing apparels, portmanteaus, gold spectacles and eyeglasses, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome English-made mahogany and walnutwood household furniture, made to order, best plated, rich porcelain and glass ware, plated and bronzed chandeliers, rich Brussels carpet, splendid pier glasses in gilt frames, superior fi paintings and engravings, &c., &c., in Apollo Street, Fort.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by public Auction, on TUESDAY next the 8th January, sale commencing at 1 P. M. in Apollo Street opposite the Old Secretariat building, the very valuable English-made household furniture, of which full particulars will appear hereafter.

Catalogues will be published, and the furniture will be on view, 4 days before the day of sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 2nd January 1878.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THIRD ANNUAL PUBLICATION.

NOW READY,

MACLEAN'S GUIDE TO BOMBAY

AND

BOMBAY DIRECTORY

FOR

1878.

PRICE Rs. 5; *With Postage*, Rs. 5-2.

Printed and published at the *Bombay Gazette* Office.

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NOTICE.—We have THIS DAY REMOVED our OFFICE to No. 6, Rampart Row (South).

VINAY & Co.

Bombay, January 2, 1878.

NOTICE.—The POWER OF ATTORNEY [illegible] formerly held from us by [illegible] is this day CANCELLED.

[illegible]

Bombay, January 2, 1878.

NOTICE

A LARGE number of Cloths, (KHADERS) of some 30,000 manufactured by weavers from advances [illegible] during the October, [illegible] at Adoni, in the Bellary District.

The Auction Sale of these Cloths in convenient lots to suit purchasers will commence on 15th January 1878, at 12 o'clock, and be continued on subsequent days.

J. H. MASTER, Collector.

Bellary, Collector's Office, December 29, 1877.

BASS'S BEER IN WOOD.

MONTHLY Consignments of the above, SELECTED from the BEST BREWINGS, are RECEIVED by TREACHER & Co., LIMITED, BOMBAY.

ENO'S

EFFERVESCING FRUIT SALT

HAS ARRIVED.

Per bottle Cash, Re. 1-12-

AGENTS FOR THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
TREACHER & Co., LIMITED,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

DEVONSHIRE CIDER,

BOTTLED BY FOSTER.

THE SEASON'S DISTILLATION of this deliciously refreshing Beverage has arrived, and fully maintains the high reputation of the Bottlers.

Quarts per doz. Cash Rs. 8-0.
Pints " " " 5-8.

SOLE AGENTS,
TREACHER & CO., LIMITED,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

COOPER.

SHIPMENTS of this FAVOURITE BEVERAGE from "*Johnson*," the *original* maker, well known as the leading brand in the London market, are being regularly received,

Quarts per dozen Cash Rs. 5-8.

SOLE AGENTS,
TREACHER & COMPANY (Ld.,)
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

REAL AMERICAN

"SQUEEZER" PLAYING CARDS,

Best quality, of the strongest material, and being highly finished on both sides, they slip readily when handled.

An important feature is that by reference to the "INDICATORS" in the corners all chance of making a mistake in the hand is avoided, as each "Indicators" show the Suit and Size. This allows of the hand being compressed into a very small space, and hence the name "SQUEEZERS." The "Indicators" are in addition to the ordinary pips, made to run both ways.

	Cash.	Credit.
"Squeezers" with round corner...per pack	Re. 1 8	Rs. 1 12
" " ... " doz. packs	17 0	19 0
" gilt edged ... " pack	1 12	2 0
" " ... " doz. packs	20 0	22 8

CONSIGNMENT JUST UNPACKED BY
TREACHER & COMPANY (Ld.),
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

The scale for these Advertisements is as follows :—Not exceeding 3 lines, Re. 1; each succeeding line 8 As. No trade advertisements are admitted under this scale.

FOR SALE, a handsome, light BAROUCHE. Rs. 1,000. Apply to BENNETT & Co.

THE SCOTTISH SCHOOLS, FORT and BYCULLA, RE-OPEN TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY.
D. MACPHERSON, Joint Secretary,

LADIES' NURSE, certificated from the General Lying-in Hospital, London, open to engagements. Good references. Address M. H., care of Post Office, Mazagon.

SPARKLING SAUMAR CHAMPAGNE, Rs. 2-2-0 per bottle. J. PEARSE, 42 Apollo Street.

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WINE MERCHANTS.

BY APPOINMENTT.

ESTABLISHED IN THIS PRESIDENCY FOR HALF A CENTURY.

AGENCIES IN THE CONTINENTAL WINE DISTRICTS AT

XEREZ.	AVIZE.	BORDEAUX.
ALTO DOURO.	EPERNAY.	COGNAC.
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LONDON OFFICES: 38A, KING WILLIAM STREET.
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CONSTITUENTS and intending Purchasers are respectfully solicited to test the quality of our Brands when comparing the quotations with those of competing Houses, and also to note that these include LOSS BY EXCHANGE, IMPORT AND TOWN DUTIES, AND ALL OTHER CHARGES, BEING FREE DELIVERY FROM OUR GODOWNS.

REDUCED PRICES, OCTOBER 1877.

SHERRIES.

	Cash Prices. Per Dozen Quarts.	Pints.
AMONTILLADO, superior, very old and choice ..... Rs.	37 0	...
OLOROSO, pale soft, fine flavour	37 0	...
MANZANILLA, very, dry and pale	29 0	...
GOLDEN, a rich nutty-flavoured Dessert Wine	29 0	...
OLD DRY, very superior, soft and dry ...	29 0	...
VINO DE PASTO, a good generous DINNER WINE ..... Rs.	26 0	...
PALE DINNER, an excellent light Wine for general use	22 8	...
YELLOW SEAL, pale and light	17 0	...
MARSALA	16 0	...
MADEIRA, E. India, selected, old and very fine	31 0	...

PORTS.

SUPERIOR OLD, tawny, with fine Bouquet and character ..... Rs.	32 0	17 8	FINE OLD, possessing good body and flavour ..... Rs. 27 0 15 0
			PALE DINNER, an excellent light Wine for general use ..... 22 8 ...
			WHITE SEAL, rich and fruity ..... 19 0 ...

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BORDEAUX (or Breakfast)	...	10 0	5 12		
PETIT MEDOC Wines	...	12 8	7 4	CHATEAU LAROSE (Superior after)	26 0 14 8
MEDOC, Superior		15 8	9 0	CHATEAU MARGAUX (Dinner Wines)	31 0 16 8

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HAUT SAUTERNES, very rich and fine. Rs.	31 8	...	BARSAC, light Table Wine ..... Rs.	19 0 ...
SAUTERNES, delicate flavour	23 8	...		

BURGUNDIES.

CHAMBERTIN ..... Rs.	29 0	15 8	CHABLIS ..... Rs.	18 0 10 0
POMMARD	24 0	13 0	RICH SPARKLING BURGUNDY, Red or White	38 0 21 0
MACON	23 0	12 8		
BEAUNE	19 0	10 8		

HOCKS.

SUPERIOR SPARKLING ..... Rs.	34 0	18 8	NIERSTEIN (STILL) ..... Rs.	26 0 14 0
FINEST SPARKLING EHRENBRETSTEIN	42 0	23 0	HOCHHEIM "	25 0 13 8
JOHANNISBERG (STILL)	41 0	22 0	STEINWEIN (Glass Jugs) STILL	23 8 ...
LIEBFRAUMILCH "	36 0	19 0	HOCHHEIM (STILL)	20 0 11 0
			LAUBENHEIM (STILL)	17 8 9 8

MOSELLES.

FINE SPARKLING ..... Rs.	32 0	...	SCHARZBERG (STILL)	33 0 18 0
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CHARTREUSE, from the { Green "	7 0	5 12	ORANGE WINE ..... "	17 0	...
Monastery ..... { Yellow "	5 8	4 8	ORANGE BITTERS ..... "	18 0	10 0
COLD WATER, Dashing Brandy ... "	3 12	...	ANGOSTURA BITTERS ..... "	...	24 0
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CREME DE CITRONELLE ..... "	3 0	...	Do. Do.'s		
CREME DE ROSE ..... "	3 0	1 12	BRANDY BITTERS		
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CASH BALANCES.

MONEY in the Public Treasuries and at credit of the Government in the Presidency Banks and their Branches on the last day of the month of November 1877, with the corresponding figures on the same date in 1876 and 1875 :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Govt. of India	Rs. 1,87,96,426	Rs. 1,20,48,124	Rs. 9,19,78,882
Bengal	1,97,49,235	36,84,775	1,01,68,649
Agra	37,50,446	29,64,910	81,94,606
British Burmah	26,30,166	26,51,320	29,21,224
N.-W. Provinces	1,78,61,945	1,74,11,432	99,32,681
Oudh	57,36,524	43,46,289	25,13,231
Punjab	1,50,28,678	1,04,41,973	96,50,563
Bombay	1,70,14,435	1,93,13,985	1,66,11,983
Central Provinces	31,57,946	31,35,580	24,46,706
Madras	2,06,30,854	1,68,97,856	1,67,87,591
Total	11,90,67,322	9,99 25,827	9,65,17,454

BILLS DRAWN UPON INDIA BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, 1877-78.

THE average rate is shown in the third column, and in the fourth column the loss compared with outturn at an exchange of 2*d.* the rupee.

Estimated for the whole year.			
£12,250,000 ...	Rs.12,86,00,000 ...	1s. 9·72d. ...	Rs.1,60,00,000
	In the month of December.		
£ 917,823 ...	Rs. 60,00,000 ...	1s. 8·71d. ...	Rs. 8,21,870
	In the month of December.		
£ 6,387,382 ...	Rs. 7,57,00,239	1s. 8·84d. ...	Rs. 98,87,119
	Bills sold to make estimate good.		
£ 772,518 ...	Rs. 9,31,761 ...	1s. 9·03d. ...	Rs. 81,09,881
Estimated expenditure in excess of the cost at 2*d.* the rupee in running ...			£12. 9·24d. Rs.88,26,198
Actual expenditure in excess of the cost at 2*d.* the rupee in running ...		£6,927,082	
		...1s. 8·84d. ...	98,97,119
Expenditure in excess of estimate ...			Rs.13,71,951

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ARRIVALS.

S.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From
93	Ava (s)	Dickenson	Calcutta, Dec 7.
1	sumindo (s)	White	Calcutta, Dec 16.

DEPARTURES.

Arrv. over.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
	Kols (s)	Hay	Coast & Kurrachee.
	sairia (s)	Bossello	Genoa.
	beild	Mashey	Moulmein.
	stanoogs	Freeman	Aleppy.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

From Marseilles to Madras—Mr and Mrs E Mrs Conway Gordon, Mrs Ochiltand Mr Madden. Pondicherry—Captain Conway Gordon, Mrs Mac-Lean Passmant.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

Mangalore—From Madras to Calcutta—Captain Ruther... A. Iler A. W Atkinson, Messrs. F Shaw and F R Scars, &c.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA,
BOMBAY, 30th December 1877.

Observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m. 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah ..... 29·885
Temperature of the Air ..... 72·9
Wet Bulb Thermometer ..... 63·7
Dew Point ..... 58·2
Relative humidity of Air ..... 0·612
Extent of cloudysky (the whole sky clouded—8). 1·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m) .. 78·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a.m.).. 67·2
General Direction of wind ..... NNE, NE, ENE, NNW, NW, NNW, N. ENE.
Movement of wind in 24 hours .....

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, December 29.)

The services of Mr. L. Gordon Assistant Commissioner in British Burma, are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

The services of Mr H P White, Assistant Commissioner in the Central Provinces are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of British Burma.

Mr W Oliphant is permitted to resign Her Majesty's Bengal Civil Service.

The services of Surgeon-Major R Harvey, M D. in joint medical charge of Seoni, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

The Rev A G A Roberts, Officiating Second Chaplain of St John's Church, Calcutta, is appointed Chaplain of Tenasserim, British Burma.

The following extract from Regimental Orders issued by the Commandant, Deesa Central Force, dated 18th November, is confirmed :—Captain F W Smith, Officiating Squadron Commander, Deesa Irregular Force, to continue to officiate as Squadron Commander, vice Captain J H L Greenfield, Head of Office at Officiating Adjutant, Deesa Irregular Force, to continue to officiate as Adjutant.

Consequent on the retirement on furlough of Major A ... Assistant Commissioner, 1st Class, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, the following changes are made in the Berar Commission with effect from the 7th November : Major F W Grant, Officiating as Assistant Commissioner, 1st Class, to revert to his substantive appointment, Second Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Class Captain H S Thompson, Officiating Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Class, to cease from his substantive appointment of Assistant Commissioner, 2nd Class.

Lieut H L Tunstall, Officiating Squadron Officer, 9th Bengal Cavalry, is appointed to officiate as Political Assistant, 3rd Class, and is posted to Rajpipla, as an Officiating Assistant to the Agent to the Governor General.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Lieut-Col F Elsmie, 3rd Foot, Officiating Deputy Adjutant General, to be 1st Assistant Adjutant General, vice Colonel T Gaffney, C B, C S I, appointed to the Colonel's allowance on the 10th Dec. Lieut-Col Elsmie will continue to officiate as Deputy Adjutant General, vice Major H Thompson as 1st Assistant Adjutant General, until further orders.

The undermentioned Officer is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps :—Lieut C H H Boley, 1st Foot, Officiating Wing Officer, 25th N I.

The undermentioned Officer of the 86th Corps having completed five years' service as substantive Lieut-Colonel, is promoted to the rank of Colonel by Brevet ; Lieut-Col C D Clements, Madras Staff Corps.

The undermentioned Officers having completed twelve years' service are promoted to the rank of Surgeon Major from the 2nd Oct 1877 : G King, M B, W Center, M B, H R Purves, G Thomson, M B, R Cumeson, M D, R G Mathews, W Duncan, M D, G Massy, G C Ross, and R Power.

No 1 Mountain Battery : Lieut J C Shirres, S A, to be Officiating Adjutant, vice Lieut F A MacMahon, proceeding on furlough.

2nd Punjab Infantry : Lieut A Daniell, 21st Foot, a candidate for the Bengal Staff Corps, to be Officiating Wing Officer on probation.

The undermentioned Officer is granted furlough to Europe, viz., Infantry, ordinary leave :—Lieut-Col R T Oldfield, Bengal Staff Corps, on private affairs.

Colonel (Brevet Colonel) R P Anderson, Staff Corps, retired on a pension of £365-5, with an additional annuity of £182, 10s. per annum, from the 17th of January next, and the Hon'ble R C ... are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Bengal, for appointment on his Personal Staff.

The services of Lieut W G W Macbay, Bombay Staff Corps, Adjutant, 27th Regiment Bombay Native (Light) Infantry, and Lieut H Brimhall, are placed at the disposal of the Foreign Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—MILITARY WORKS.

Captain S W Jenner, R E, Executive Engineer, is posted to the Meerut Commissariat, Military Works.

Lieut J F Warwick, R E, Executive Engineer, is transferred from the Meerut to the ... Works.

Mr ... Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, Rajputana Railways, is promoted to Inspector of Maintenance 2nd Grade. Mr ... Accountant 4th Grade, is granted three months' leave.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The following appointments, and promotions were made in our Marine Department during the month specified.

Lieut James M Bance, R N (Retired list), to be a 2nd Grade Officer on probation, and posted to the Indian Government Steamer Enterprize, vice Lieut A M Merberon.

Mr H W Laing 3rd Class Engineer of the Indian Government Steamer Enterprize, to be ... Engineer, on probation, of that vessel, vice Mr A Mc...

Mr David Lowes to be a 3rd Class Engineer, on probation, and posted to the Indian Government Steamer Enterprize, vice Mr Laing.

Mr S J Moody, 3rd Class Engineer of the Indian Government Steamer Tenasserim, to be 2nd Class Engineer, on probation, of that vessel.

Mr G W McAlister, to be a 3rd Class Engineer, on probation, and posted to the Indian Government Steamer Enterprize, vice Mr H Prind, 2nd Class Engineer, are cancelled.

Mr D Stevenson, notified in Marine Gazette of 15th December, is cancelled.

The following Officers are permitted to resign their appointments :—Mr Ferguson, Acting 3rd Superintending Engineer, on Discharge ... and Class Engineer of the Indian Government Steamer Enterprize.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

... Deputy Examiner (temporary rank), Guarantee Audit Department, Calcutta, is allowed two years' leave ... to enable him to ... appointment as Pay Master, 1st Grade, on probation and Irrawaddy Valley State Railway.

... Assistant Engineers, 2nd Grade, to be Executive Engineers, 3rd Grade, ... Provinces specified :—Mr F M ... and Mr H F Mitchell, ...

... Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, employed on the Northern ... works in Bombay, is transferred temporarily to the Public Works Department.

... Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade (temporary rank), ... Public Works Branch, is promoted to be an Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, in the Bengal Public Works Department.

Mr J P ... Engineer, 3rd Grade, to be Superintending Engineer, 3rd Grade (temporary rank), ... Public Works Branch, is temporarily transferred to the Bengal Public Works Department.

Mr J F S ... Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, is granted two years' leave ... without pay.

With reference to the Financial Department Notification dated 14th December 1877, transferring Mr C E ... and S L ... to the Provincial Department, the duties of the Additional Secretary in the Public Works Branch will be performed by Mr S J ... Assistant Secretary, Public Works Department, and Mr ... Assistant Secretary, Financial Department.

... Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, employed on the Telegraph Department, is appointed an Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, and posted to the Public Works Branch.

The following transfers are made in the Public Works Department :—Mr ... Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, from the Military Works Department to the Bengal Public Works Department ... to Madras ... Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, from the Bengal Public Works Department to the Military Works Department.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Calcutta Gazette*, December 26.)

Mr C H Swinden, Officiating Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Jamalpur.

Mr C F Manson, Deputy Magistrate and Depty Collector, is posted to Jamtara, in the Southal Pergunnahs.

Mr W Meares, Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector, is appointed to officiate as District and Sessions Judge of Dinagepore.

Mr J Crawford is appointed to be Frist Inspector of Registration Offices, vice, Mr H S Beadon.

Mr H H Risley, Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Revenue and General Departments, is confirmed in that appointment, vice Mr J Crawford.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*North-Western Provinces Gazette*, December 29.)

Surgeon-Major G Grant, Officiating Superintendent of the Central Prison and District Jail, Bareilly, to be confirmed in that appointment, vice Surgeon-Major A P Tonkyns, deceased.

Surgeon E Jameson, Officiating Superintendent of the Central Prison and District Jail, Fatehgarh, to be confirmed in that appointment, vice Surgeon-Major G Grant.

Surgeon G C Hall, Officiating Superintendent of the Central Prison, Allahabad, to be confirmed in that appointment, vice Surgeon R Jameson, deceased.

Surgeon A Deane, officiating Civil Surgeon, Ghazipur, to be a Civil Surgeon, 2nd class.

Mr R S Aikman, C S, to officiate as Joint Magistrate 2nd grade and to be posted to the Agra District.

Mr H W Ward Reynolds, C S, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Government, is posted to the Jaunpur district and is invested with the powers of a Magistrate of the 3rd class.

Mr C V Martyn, Assistant Engineer 2nd grade, is posted to the Cawnpore and Farukhabad Light Railway Survey.

Mr J W ... Executive Engineer, 1st grade, and Mr N Boyfield, Assistant Engineer 2nd grade, are posted to the Light Railway Surveys, N W Provinces and Oudh.

Mr ... Crampton, Assistant Engineer, has received charge of the Naini Tal Subdivision, Kumaun Provincial Division.

PUNJAB GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Punjab Government Gazette*, Dec. 27.)

Captain C F Masy, Assistant Commissioner, Rawalpindi, is appointed to the charge of the Attock subdivision of the district.

Mr W Jenkyns, Assistant Commissioner, is posted to the Peshawar district and appointed to officiate as Judicial Assistant, vice Mr R F Henderson.

Lieut F M ... Mc... Horse, R A, Punjab Frontier Force, is granted thirty days' leave of absence, on medical certificate, to proceed to Bombay and appear before a medical Board.

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The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1878.

THE first anniversary of the proclamation of the Queen's Imperial title at Delhi was celebrated yesterday by a liberal distribution of honours at Calcutta. The creation of an Order of the Indian Empire, so long talked of, was formally announced, and we publish elsewhere the names of the fortunate gentlemen, European and native, who have been appointed Companions of this new Order. Seeing how keenly honours of ... are sought after, and how greatly ... are prized, we are inclined to believe ... ment shows much worldly ... increasing year by year the splendour of the Viceregal Court, and substitutes for the severe simplicity of the early or heroic period of English rule in India the stately ceremonies and the profusion of personal distinctions and decorations which befit a settled Oriental Empire. There can be no doubt that the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire have already reduced to insignificance, and must soon efface from the native mind almost the very recollection of, the titles formerly conferred by Hindoo or Mussulman princes; and, so long as admission into these Orders is only granted in recognition of eminent rank and position or of real public services, the tendency of their institution should be to confirm the opinion of English supremacy without encouraging the growth of a spirit of servility. Looking at the list of Companions of the new Order, we find some names which make us wonder how the devil they got there, but on the whole the selection seems to have been judiciously made. Amongst the Bombay names the most prominent is that of Mr. Morarjee Goculdass, who exerted himself conspicuously to organize a system of charitable relief in the Deccan last year, and who now gets his reward. The "Hon. Mr. Graham" in the list is, we presume, Mr. Donald Graham, who has done good work here as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Member of the Legislative Council. Dr. Hewlett's services as Sanitary Commissioner in the Famine ... Dr. ... Bomford, and ... Dr. ... Baines, and ... nalism of an extinct type by Dr. George Smith (formerly editor of the *Friend of India*). With such fresh bulwarks of the Empire, Lord Lytton need hardly fear what Russia may intend. No appointments to the third class of the Star of India are gazetted; but Sir Richard Temple gets promotion to the first class as a matter of course, and everyone will be pleased to see that the officer who has created for himself by his management of the famine a splendid reputation for administrative capacity has now become Sir Michael Kennedy.

It is always amusing, if it is not instructive, to see people helping other people who won't help themselves. There is such a prodigious fuss on the part of the philanthropist, so much of the tearful alligator on that of the would be benefited, that one cannot forbear a 'smile over the tortuous paths of charity, and wonder that charity (fearful of labyrinths) does not observe the proverb and stop at home. We have little sympathy—it may be "cussedness," but it is the fact—with the "pore old man that is driven to drinkin' by "ingratitude;" with the person, male or female, who is ashamed to dig but not ashamed to beg; with the man or woman who will not adapt himself or herself to circumstances; with the person, whoever he may be, who thinks that loafing is an honourable occupation. It is mere "cussedness" perhaps for us to fancy that this world is not a play-ground for those who are not favoured by fortune, and it certainly *must* be "cussedness" which induces us to suppose that colour or a mixing of races can be no excuse for preposterous vanity, idle courses, and a determination to accredit to Heaven one's own laziness and disinclination for labour. Because so many ... and philanthropic people hold a different opinion ... cause these excellent persons ... London slips of faults where we can see none; because, to come to the point at once, the miseries which degrade the half-caste race in India are by us attributable to causes of which philanthropists make no account whatever, we see, or fancy we see, in that same spirit of unphilanthropical "cussedness" Signor Joze Da Souza starving his belly to adorn his back; the Senora Pereira aping the lady of European fashion on an income of 15 rupees a month; the Donna Joanna Thomas declining washing as an industry beneath her notice though the wolf is at her door and the door of her children; the Dom Xavier refusing any honest employment but that of the traditional pen, lest he should soil his Eurasian fingers and lose caste in the eyes of the distinguished Indo-British circle in which he moves and has his conservative being. Excellent people! Exquisite prejudices! But when one comes seriously to reflect, and without the smallest atom of sentiment, upon their claims to have suitable occupations found for them, those claims do not appear perhaps quite so striking as when set forth by the friend of the "Poor White" in his post-prandial and most gushing moments.

The truth is that there is a superabundance of sympathy wasted over the Eurasian population of India. Every now and then we are treated to a discourse as to the bettering of people who won't better themselves, and we are invited to credit what is an enormity, that it is the fault of the English in India that the half-castes of the country are not as prosperous as they deserve to be. We are admonished that we neglect these people when, in fact, they neglect themselves. We are advised to establish Colonies in India for them when they possess none of the elements of successful colonists; we are assured they have a latent energy which, as regards the bulk of them, no one can ever discover; and we are told that it is our duty to make a royal road for them to fame and fortune such as no association, government, or individual, will take the trouble to make for ourselves. We are to think with infinite tenderness of ... We are to forget their ... of vanity, petulance, obstinacy, and sloth ... pet and coax them into better things by ... such process as washes the Ethiopian white and causes the leopard to change his spots. Kind people devote their most amiable moments to the task of inventing employments for the Eurasian who is only happy when in a condition of Neapolitan *dolce far niente*. They picture him, in the mind's eye, as growing cabbages in market gardens for metropolitan markets,—as storming the breach in the character of a military hero,—as a cow and dog doctor earning a modest competence and the gratitude of the Native community together, —as rearing poultry, and selling butter,—as farmer, a soldier, a sailor, a tinker, or a tailor, or, in short anything useful and, philanthropically speaking, satisfactory. Pleasing picture! The only drawback to the portrait is, that it is unreal and impossible. We cannot make, as the old saying goes, a silk purse out of a sow's ear, and it seems to us that so long as Francis or Peter, or Mrs. Francis or Miss Peter, are what they are—that is to say, persons of mixed Indian blood,—so long is it hopeless to regard them as Angio-Saxons and to expect them to behave as such.

No doubt there have been some famous half-castes in India—men who have raised themselves to eminence by their energy, industry, and talent; but we don't speak of the few but the many. Taken as a whole, a half-caste race, wherever we find it—in Asia, Africa, or America—is an inferior race with peculiar faults or vices which appear to be as unvarying and uncompromising in one part of the globe as another. We are not aware that the eradication of those idiosyncracies peculiar to the race has ever been made possible on a grand scale. The nations who have had half-caste communities in their midst have had to make the best of them by letting them go their own way—giving encouragement to such of the number as have the power to come to the front. In India we have been doing much the same as is done in other countries and colonies. Colour is no drawback to the man who has the talent of success, nor is it just of Eurasians to cringe and whine about their degraded condition in the eyes of Europeans and Natives alike, when they themselves are at ... small pains as they are ... to elevate themselves from what they please to ... ... before they try to ... ... and he is a better ... a truer friend to the Eurasian community who points out its vices, than he who encourages it to continue cherishing by Utopian schemes for its moral and material advantage.

Every one knows—none better than the Eurasians themselves—that there is a fine field for their labour in India if they care to cultivate it. They could be servants if they pleased—cooks, butlers, coachmen, gardeners, ladies' maids, nurses, &c. &c., and many are servants; but as a rule they don't take to this kind of labour with the intelligence or the zeal which might be expected of them. The gentleman "help" would rather wear a dingy white shirt with a hole in breast front, a cane and oiled locks in the bazaar, than earn large wages as a skilled cook; the lady "help" prefers to attire herself for the *fandango* to looking after another lady's children, and so Europeans are driven to employ native servants by the very people they would fain benefit. One cannot play in this world and work together, but the Eurasian is disinclined to admit that fact. He must have his play, and then he accuses Europeans of refusing him work. In justice it must be said that the clerkly instinct is strong in the race. Bookkeeping seems to have the same fascination for the Indo-Briton that it has for the semi-genteel classes at home. But why on earth Mr. Pereira thinks it better to earn 15 rupees a month as a writer than 50 as a skilled cook we are at a loss to say; perhaps it is because he copies the pride and the folly of those semi-genteel classes we have alluded to above.

If the lower classes of Eurasians are to be really benefitted, we should say that education of their boys and girls in proper schools is the most promising vehicle of the amelioration of their race. They ought to be taught their useful trades and encouraged to disabuse themselves of the ridiculous idea common with their parents, that the desk is the only fitting occupation for a Eurasian—*gentleman* goes without saying. The young ladies might be taught that there is no indignity in manual labour or domestic labour, quite the contrary, and, if they could be induced to forsake pearl powder for tuition, we have no doubt that many of them could get comfortable situations as governesses. It is the vanity, the false pride, and inherent ... of this people which stands in the way ... much—that every facility ought to be afforded them of sending their children to schools, and to good schools too. As to establishing colonies of persons who are too idle or apathetic to help each one himself individually, the notion seems to us as preposterous as to advise him to do this or that for which he has the strongest disinclination. But we acknowledge that we have very little sympathy with people who expect others to do for them what they can do for themselves, and we are perhaps inclined to speak strongly in view of the sickening sentiment we hear so much of on this subject. Honest, industrious Eurasians will probably agree with our views; as for the others, if truth is unpalatable to them, it is their fault, not ours.

GENERAL PARADE OF TROOPS AND VOLUNTEERS.

YESTERDAY, at 5-45 a. m. the Bombay Volunteers paraded on the ground near the Band Stand where they usually fall in for their private drills. Owing to the Xmas Holidays and the consequent absence from Bombay of a great number of the members of the corps, the attendance was not so numerous as had been expected. Still there were present of all ranks nearly 290. After being inspected on parade by their own officers, they were formed into four companies and marched into the oval, where they took up their position on the right of the line of troops. The centre of the line was formed by the 9th Native Infantry, and the left by the 21st Marine Battalion. Brigadier General Aitchison then inspected the whole of the troops present, and shortly afterwards, the Commander-in-Chief arrived on the ground accompanied by his staff. A *feu de joie* was then fired, commenced by a round of blank cartridge led by the Volunteers. This was repeated until the regulation *feu de joie* was completed. Arms were then presented and three cheers given for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Empress of India. The line then took close order, broke into column to the right, and marched past in column. The Volunteers, after leading the column in the march past, proceeded towards their private parade, but before arriving there were halted and addressed by Colonel Sexton, their Commandant, who congratulated them on their steadiness and on the manner in which they had performed the novel duty on which they had just been engaged. The Adjutant then informed them that there would be no more drills until Wednesday the 9th instant, when they will be resumed as before, and that the range at Colaba would be available for all Volunteers for ball practice on Thursday evening and Saturday morning next. The officers of the corps present on parade, in addition to the Commandant and the Adjutant, were Major Maxwell, Capts. Hore, Tennent, and McKinch, and Lieuts. Campbell, Chalmers, Wyer, Kemp, Mayhew, Moorhouse, Thorpe, Bradford, and Shields. The medical officers, Drs. Hughes and Grey, were also present.

PRIVATE DURBAR AT THE SECRETARIATE.

YESTERDAY afternoon a "private durbar" was held in the Council Hall, New Secretariate, for the delivery of the insignia of Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India to the Hon'ble Dosabhoy Framjee and the Hon'ble Rao Saheb V. N. Mandlik, whose exaltation to the order was notified some months ago. A *dais*, covered with a rich carpet of green cloth embroidered with gold, had been temporarily erected in the southern part of the hall, while rows of chairs had been placed on a lower level for the accommodation of the gentlemen invited to the durbar. About a hundred European and native gentlemen were present. Reporters of the Press were specially excluded on the ground that it was a *private* durbar; and only a rather skilful manœuvre has enabled our Reporter to give an account of what took place. It would scarcely gratify the Grand Master of the Order, His Excellency the Viceroy, to learn that, while he did everything to lend *eclat* to the proceedings of the durbar held in Calcutta, those entrusted with the execution of the task about the same time yesterday in Bombay, had the good sense so to arrange matters in connection with the ceremony as to make it studiously a hole-and-corner affair. Among those present at the durbar were observed His Excellency Sir Charles Staveley and staff; the Hon'ble L. Ashburner, C.S.I., Member of Council, Mr. C. E. Chapman, the Hon'ble Mr. Lang, Bishop Meurin, Brigadier General Aitchison, Major Sexton, Colonel Willoughby, the Hon'ble Mr. Ravenscroft, C.S.I., Sir Munguldas Nathoobhoy, C.S.I., Messrs. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, C.S.I., Becherdas Ambaidas, C.S.I., and Syed Edroos, C.S.I.; the Hon'ble Mr. Justice West, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinhey, the Hon'ble Mr. Marriott, Messrs. J. Nugent, T. D. Mackenzie, J. Jardine, P. Ryan, J. H. Grant, J. Warden, Hamilton Maxwell, Colonel Hancock, Colonel Macdonald, Colonel Baker, Captain Percy James, I. N., Colonel Disbrowe, Surgeon General Hunter, Dr. Langley, Dr. Blanc, Messrs. J. Y. Lang, Grattan O'Leary, F. B. Kirkham, J. Flynn, M. R. De Quadros, Sonayek Wasudeo, R. H. Vincent, Mr. Menezes, Vice-Consul for Portugal, the Turkish Consul General, the Persian Consul General, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., Messrs. Morarjee Gocouldass, Kessowjee Naik, Tapidas Vurjdas, Nanabhoy Byramjee Jejeebhoy, Raghunath N. Khote, Nana Morojee, Budroodin Tyabjee, P. M. Mehta, Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee, C. N. Cama, Dr. Da Cunha, Dr. Atmaram Pandurang, Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, Dastoor Pesootun Byramjee, Messrs. Cumroodin Tyabjee, Nowrojee Furdoonjee, Jehangir Dossabhoy Framjee, Eduljee Rustomjee, Ardasir F. Moos, N. R. Ranina, D. M. Lalcaca, Gunputrao Bhaskerjee, R. M. Sayani, and others.

At 5-40 p.m., the Hon'ble Mr. Gibbs, Senior Member of Council, accompanied by the members of Government and attended by the Secretaries and Under-Secretaries to Government, entered the Council Hall and they took their seats on the *dais*.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gibbs, from the president's chair, then said:—We are assembled here today to confer the insignia of Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India on the Hon'ble Dosabhoy Framjee and the Hon'ble V. N. Mandlik. I regret that His Excellency the Governor, who has been away from Bombay on a tour in the performance of his official duties, has been prevented from being present here to-day. I now call upon the two most junior members of the Exalted Order to conduct the ... the ... Mr. Dosabhoy to the ... Ambaidas, the ... Political Secretary, to conduct ... Mandlik. The ... under the ... direction of the presiding ... the insignia of the order intended to be conferred upon ... gentlemen.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gibbs, addressing Mr. Dosabhoy, then said it gave him particular pleasure to be the means of handing to him the jewel of the Order, which Her Majesty had been pleased to confer upon him. His (Mr. Dosabhoy's) long and able services to Government was one of the principal reasons why he had been selected for the honour now to be bestowed upon him; and he (Mr. Gibbs) had very great pleasure in doing so, because when he served as Special Income-tax Commissioner in Bombay in 1860, he had the pleasure to be associated with Mr. Dosabhoy, who was under him for two years; and he could say from that time Mr. Dosabhoy's services had been of great value to the Government.

Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, by direction of the president, now placed the star of the Order on Mr. Dosabhoy's left breast, which was already decorated with two medals—the Prince of Wales's and the Delhi Medals. Mr. Dosabhoy then signed the covenant of the Order in the presence of the Political Secretary to Government.

The Hon'ble Mr. Gibbs next directed the presentation of the Hon'ble Mr. Mandlik in a similar way, which was done. Addressing Mr. Mandlik, he said he had special pleasure in presenting to him the insignia of the Exalted Order of the Star of India; and he might say he had very great pleasure in presiding on this occasion and presenting the jewel with his own hands to the Rao Saheb, whom he had known for a quarter of a century since the time he was employed as a confidential clerk to Sir Bartle Frere in Sind. He (Mr. Mandlik) had subsequently done excellent service to Government in the Educational and Judicial Departments. It was a matter of sincere pleasure to the Hon'ble gentleman to remember, at this distance of time, that when he held the office of Special Income Tax-Commissioner of this great city, he had the assistance of the Rao Saheb as his confidential assistant; and that, for the manner in which he conducted the important duties of his new position, he had deserved the highest praise, for which he (the president) then recommended him to the notice of Government. Since then the Rao Saheb had resigned the Government Service and had joined the Bar of the High Court, Appellate Side, at which he had raised himself to an honourable position, while at the same time he had distinguished himself by taking an active part in the public duties of citizenship.

Sir Munguldas Nathoobhoy, by direction of the president, then placed the star to the ... Sardar's left breast. The latter then took the usual declaration or covenant in the presence of Mr. John Jardine, the Political Secretary.

The Hon'ble Dosabhoy Framjee, in thanking the president, said,—I beg you will accept my best thanks for the kind expressions which have fallen from you while presenting to me the insignia of the Star of India, which our beloved Sovereign has been graciously pleased to confer upon me. You have, Sir, alluded to our official connection. As it was observed by you, I first commenced my service under Government under you; and if any success has attended it, it is greatly due, I must acknowledge, to the valuable training which I had the advantage of receiving under so able and experienced an officer as yourself. For the high dignity which has been bestowed upon me, my most sincere and grateful thanks are due to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress of India; and I beg you will be so kind as to convey to the foot of the Throne, through H. E. the Viceroy, my humble acknowledgments for the honor this day conferred upon me.

The Hon. Rao Saheb V. N. Mandlik, in returning thanks, said—You have conferred an additional obligation on me by the mode in which you have carried out the conferring of the high honor which H. E. the Grand Master of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India has directed by command of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress of India. And it is with no affectation when I say that I derive considerable pleasure in receiving it at your hands this day, for you are probably one of the earliest patrons I have had in the public service of this country, in which I have spent some of the best years of my life. It is true I have now left that service, but I have not on that account taken the less, but have rather taken greater, interest in the active duties of public citizenship, to which you have so kindly alluded. I beg of you to accept my sincere thanks, and request that you will be pleased to convey my grateful acknowledgments to H. E. the Viceroy, and also to lay at the foot of the Throne my heartfelt thanks for the high honour which our Gracious Sovereign has been pleased to confer upon me by admitting me to this Exalted Order.

The business of the durbar then terminated.

CEREMONIAL OF INVESTITURE.

THE following was the ceremonial observed at the investiture of H. H. the Maharaja of Gwalior with the dignity of an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the First Class or Knights Grand Cross of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, at Government House, Calcutta, yesterday :—

On Tuesday, the 1st January 1878, at twelve o'clock, His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Edward Robert Lytton Bulwer-Lytton, Baron Lytton of Knebworth, Grand Master of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Viceroy and Governor-General of India, will invest, in the name and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress of India, His Highness Jiaji Rao Sindia, Maharaja of Gwalior, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, having the honorary rank of General in the British Army, with the insignia of his Dignity as an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

PERSONS WHO WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

Members of the Order present at Calcutta are expected to attend.

ARRANGEMENT OF SEATS, &c.

The seats of members of the Order will be placed on either side of the dais, right and left in alternate order according to rank and seniority in the Order.

His Highness the Maharaja of Gwalior will, on his arrival at the foot of the grand entrance, be led by the Under-Secretary in the Foreign Department and an Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy to the room assigned for his use.

PRELIMINARY CEREMONIES.

On His Excellency the Viceroy entering the Chamber of Investiture attended by his Personal Staff, a Viceregal salute will be fired, and the Guard will present arms, and all persons present will rise and remain standing until His Excellency has taken his seat. Each member of the Order will make his reverence to His Excellency passes.

The band will play the National Anthem.

At the conclusion of the National Anthem His Excellency will take his seat and direct the ceremony to proceed.

CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE.

The Foreign Secretary will then report that the business before the Assembly is the investiture of His Highness the Maharaja of Gwalior with the dignity of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and will read aloud the Warrant of the Sovereign empowering His Excellency the Viceroy to perform the ceremony of investiture. The Secretary will then hand to His Excellency the Sovereign's grant of the dignity of a Knight Grand Cross.

This done, the Secretary and Under-Secretary will withdraw to conduct His Highness the Maharaja into the Viceroy's presence.

A procession will next be formed (at the apartment in Government House where His Highness the Maharaja will in the meantime have been in waiting) of—

Spears,
Maces,
Under-Secretary in the Foreign Department, bearing the insignia upon a cushion,
Secretary in the Foreign Department,
His Highness the Maharaja of Gwalior between the two Junior Knights in attendance.
Attendants of His Highness.
Members of the Second and Third Class of the Order will rise from their seats.

The Guard of Honour will present arms as His Highness passes into the Marble Hall. Upon arrival of the procession in front of the *Dais*, His Excellency the Viceroy will state the object of the Assembly. His Highness the Maharaja will then reply.

The Foreign Secretary having received from His Excellency the Sovereign's grant in favour of the Maharaja of Gwalior, will read it aloud.

His Excellency will then proceed to invest His Highness with the Ribband and Badge, by placing the Ribband over the right shoulder and passing it obliquely to the left side. His Excellency will then present to the Maharaja the Star by placing it on his left breast, and will address the following admonition :—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India, and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Insignia of the Order of the Bath, of which Most Honourable Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

THE QUESTION OF MEDIATION.

LONDON, JAN. 1.

It is generally reported, that the Russian Government, in reply to an intimation from England that the Porte was prepared to enter into peace negotiations, has declared, that if the Porte is desirous of an armistice, it must treat direct with the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army.

THE WAR IN BULGARIA.

Latest advices from Bulgaria state, that the Russians have occupied the Balkan passes between Sofia and Arabkonak.

THE IMPERIAL ASSEMBLAGE GAZETTE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 1.

To-day's *Gazette Extraordinary* contains correspondence regarding the proceedings last year connected with the assumption of the Imperial title, concluding with a letter from the Secretary of State notifying Her Majesty's high appreciation of the feelings of personal devotion to herself and loyalty to the Crown then displayed.

THE STAR OF INDIA.

Her Majesty has been pleased to create Sir Richard Temple Grand Commander of the Star of India, and General Kennedy Knight Commander.

THE ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE.

A Warrant has been issued for the institution of an Order of the Indian Empire for rewarding services to Her Majesty and Her Indian Empire, and commemorating the proclamation of her style and title of Empress of India.

The Order consists of Her Majesty as Sovereign the Viceroy as Grand Master, 23 Councillors of the Empress to be ex-officio Companions, and fifty Companions.

Future nominations to the Order are not to exceed twenty in any one year, exclusive of ex-officio appointments.

Ex-officio members are Companions for life.

Secretary of the Order, Mr. Aitchison.

The following are the ex-officio Companions:—

Sir Alexander Arbuthnot,
Sir Edward Bayley.
Maharao Raja Boondee,
Duke of Buckingham,
Maharaja of Cashmere,
Sir Andrew Clarke,
Sir George Couper,
Sir Robert Davies,
Mr. Eden,
Mr. Egerton,
Maharaja of Gwalior,
Sir Frederick Haines,
Sir Arthur Hobhouse,
Maharaja of Indore,
Maharaja of Jeypoor,
Raja of Jheend,
Sir Edwin Johnson,
Sir Henry Norman,
Nawab of Rampor,
Mr. Whitley Stokes,
Sir John Strachey,
Sir Richard Temple,
Maharaja of Travancore.

The following are appointed Companions:—

Meer Mahmood Khan, heir to the Khan of Khelat,
Justice Louis Jackson, Calcutta,
Sir Richard Meade,
Rao of Bedla, it Meywar,
Dr. John Muir,
Dr. Brandis,
Sri Rajamani Pa a Deo of Madras,
Justice Turner, Bahadur,
Meer Ali Khan, heir to the Jam of Lus Beyla,
Mr. Paul
Sirdar Asad Khan,
Colonel Owen Burne,
Sirdar Gohar Khan,
Mr. Puckle,
Dr. Jameson,
Syud Wilayut Ali Khan,
Colonel Mainwaring,
Dr. Rajendralala Mitra,
Dr. Beatson,
Dr. Boes,
Mr. Pogson,
Dr. W. W. Hunter,
Colonel Hearn,
Colonel Williams,
Hon'ble Kristodas Pal,
General Cunningham,
Admiral Bythesea,
Mr. Mozarjee Goculdass,
Colonel Walton,
Colonel Moore,
Tiruvarur Muttuswami Ayar,
Colonel William Gordon, Inspector of Muskets, Bengal,
Selar Hindi Khan Bahadur,
Hon'ble Mr. Graham,
Dr. Hewlett,
Cottepalliem Ranga Charlo
Colonel Macgregor,
Mr. R. B. Shaw,
Dr. Buhler,
Bapu Deva Shastri,
Mr. Patrick Carnegy,
Mr. Gibbon,
Mr. Roper Lethbridge,
Baboo Bhudeo Mookerjee,
Dr. George Smith, Edinburgh,
Mr. John Henry Rivett Carnac,
Captain Hon'ble George Campbel Napier,
Mr. Roscoe Bocquet,
Mr. James Blackburn Knight.
Pundit Nain Singh.

The title of Maharaja Bahadur is conferred as a personal distinction on the Zamorin or first Rajah of Calicut; that of Raja Bahadur on Ardote Singh of Kotee and heirs in the chiefship; and that of Rajah Bahadur as a personal distinction on Kunwar Maharaj Singh of Haldau, and Rai Rajendralal Mallick Bahadur.

UPAKD BUNDAR AT MADRAS.

MADRAS, JAN. 1.

This afternoon the Duke of Buckingham held a Grand Durbar in the Banqueting Hall adjoining Government House. His Grace invested the Prince of Arcot with the Order of K.C.S.I., and the Rajah of Kalahastri with the same Order. The latter is the eldest representative of the Mahomedan community.

Mr. Thornhill, of the Madras Civil Service, was made a C.S.I., together with Seshia Sastri, late Dewan of Travancore.

The ceremony was very picturesque.

To-night the Prince of Arcot gives a banquet and ball to the Governor.

The honours done to Mr. Thornhill and Seshia Sastri are very popularly appreciated.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Spencer, Second Judge of the Small Cause Court, Bombay, will in all probability be appointed First Judge in succession to Mr. O'Leary. Mr. Spencer has been thirty years in the service of Government, chiefly in connection with the Small Cause Court, and his promotion to the office of First Judge would give satisfaction to the legal profession and to the general public, both European and Native. Mr. Spencer, who is now absent on furlough, has employed his time in England in studying for the Bar, and will be called on the 26th inst., when he will immediately return to Bombay.

The Indian Charivari's *Christmas Prize Annual* is a very attractive little volume, no expense having been spared in getting it up well. The illustrations are particularly well executed, and the literary contributions in prose and verse are for the most part bright and clever.

On the 14th ult. a telegram was received at Singapore announcing the completion of the overland telegraph line connecting Western Australia with the other Australias and the world generally. Congratulations were exchanged between their Excellencies of the Straits and Western Australia.

INTELLIGENCE from Kashgar, dating early in last month, represents the still uninterrupted advance of the Chinese. They had taken Turfan, and in every place they possessed themselves of, were exterminating the whole population without distinction of age or sex, committing at the same time unheard-of cruelties. It is believed to be very doubtful whether the present ruler of Kashgar can successfully resist the Chinese invasion.

We learn that about fifteen miles of rail have been laid from each end of the Dhond and Munmad State Railway; but there are only sufficient rails delivered as yet to construct about 12 miles more. It is anticipated, however, that material will be forthcoming, and that the month of May will see the opening of the line. It is thought that it will take at least three years more before the line is entirely completed, for there will remain the construction of permanent bridges for those temporarily erected.

In order to improve the means of gaining early information regarding meteorological changes in the Bay of Bengal, an observing station has been sanctioned for Diamond Island. It is believed that the Andaman Islands are the nearest land to the gathering place of cyclones. Hitherto the observatory, least distant from the Andamans, was Akyab, 480 miles off. The new observatory outside the Bassein harbour will be 240 miles nearer the Andamans; and the observations taken on Diamond Island will be telegraphed to Calcutta daily at 10 a.m. The observatories round the Bay of Bengal will now be Madras, False Point, Saugor Island, Akyab, Diamond Island, Rangoon, and Monlmein.

We understand that a large bridge is to be constructed over the Wurdha river, which is to be built conjointly by the Executive Engineers of the East Berar and Nagpore Divisions.

The Secretary of State for India has accepted the resignation of the Civil Service by the Hon'ble R. A. I. Drummond, Commissioner, Agra Division.

The Secretary of State has approved of a revision of the Marine Post Office and the staff of chief inspectors of the Postal Department, recommended by the Government of India. The arrangements involve an increase of expenditure which will be met by corresponding reductions in other items of charge.

A new postal circle, involving a small decrease of expenditure in consequence of savings in other departmental expenditure, is about to be created in Behar.

On the recommendation of the Government of India the Secretary of State has sanctioned a special invalid pension of Rs. 350 a month to Mr. C. T. Rutledge, Registrar in the Military Secretary's Office of the Government of India. Mr. Rutledge has served the Government altogether for upwards of 42 years.

According to a memorandum written a few months ago by the Inspector General of Forests on the cost of timber operations in the various Forest Divisions of the North-West Provinces, it is the opinion of Dr. Brandis that the present state of the forests of these Provinces is not such as to justify extensive timber operations "except either to meet some urgent public demand and the regular timber requirements of the open country outside the hills, as far as they cannot be satisfied from other sources, or the production of a considerable surplus revenue, which will furnish the means for the protection and improvement of the forests." So far at least as the deodar forests were concerned this condition has, it would seem, been brought about, mainly by the necessity of meeting the requirements of another department of the State for sleepers for the Rajpootana railways.

An Opium Company has been established during the present year at Lisbon, called "The Mozambique Opium Cultivating and Trading Company." From this it would appear that Portugal wishes to become the protector of free trade in opium with the intention of competing with the opium-producing districts of India. The promoter of the Lisbon Company is Senhor Ignacio Jose de Paiva Raposo, who receives 50,000 acres of open unappropriated and cultivated land belonging to the State in Mozambique, and has preference in the choice of "such lands as are suitable for the cultivation of the poppy plant," and also "the exclusive right for twelve years to export opium free of duty through all the custom houses of the Province." The Company has been formed with a capital of £178,000 in shares of £22 5s. each.

At the request of the Government of India the Home Government have lately sent out six Southdown rams for the Hissar Cattle Farm.

In future, annual budget estimates of the Forest Department in India are to be regularly submitted for the information of the Home authorities.

Registration in the Madras Presidency gave a surplus last year of about Rs. 80,500. All the districts paid their way; but the department cost in the city of Madras Rs. 200 more than it earned. On the whole, however, registration in the Presidency increases, and wants more office accommodation—a want which in this season of famine cannot be pressed.

A couple of sportsmen in Ceylon, Messrs. Varien and LeMesurier—the former of the Forest Department, the latter of the Civil Service—had lately a narrow escape from being trampelled to death by an elephant while out tiger shooting at Japore, near Trincomalee. Mr. Varien put four bullets (all he had with him) into the brute, but failed to kill it; unfortunately neither had their rifles with them, and Mr. LeMesurier had no bullets for his gun.

The community of Ceylon has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. Koch, the Principal of the Medical School. The local *Times* says that "the deceased was well-known by both Europeans and burghers, and we can scarcely say which will feel his loss most keenly. Of more than ordinary intelligence, gifted with a keen perception of the value of his profession and the responsibilities of his duties, he had long been looked upon as the most valued member of the Civil Medical Department. Professionally he had few equals: we doubt if he had a superior in surgery. The Civil Hospital, equally with the Medical School, stands deeply indebted to his unwearied exertions. The calamity which we have to deplore was caused by blood-poisoning during a post mortem. Every care and attention which the medical skill of Colombo could furnish was liberally bestowed, but, alas, without avail."

The *Madras Mail*:—Some people seem to think that the spread of education is the panacea for all the ills that afflict society. In countries like those of Western Europe and the great English-speaking colonies, where the other factors of social well-being are present in a high degree of efficiency, no great practical evil follows from over-riding the educational hobby. It is far otherwise in India. The universal spread of the higher education is not the paramount want of this country at the present day. Such an opinion we hold to be quite compatible with an earnest desire that all classes should participate in the benefits of elementary instruction, and a generous sympathy with and support of University culture. As long as the growth of education keeps space with the growth of the other agents that conduce to national prosperity, all will be well. But failure must follow the attempt which we are now making to carry out in India an educational policy suitable only to a country several generations, or centuries, ahead of it in social development. We are giving strong meat to babes, instead of waiting till they are of full age, and should not therefore be surprised to see mental symptoms analogous to those that would follow a breach of physiological laws. Nor is this all. If education is pushed far in advance of the industrial and material prosperity of the country, it must result that many will find themselves educated for spheres of labour which do not yet exist. Hence arise the mistaken aspirations and disappointed hopes of which Lord Lytton speaks. Generations must, we fear, elapse before India shall have entered upon a career of material prosperity such as shall furnish occupations sufficiently numerous and varied to satisfy the aspirations of all who pass through our colleges. Were education left to follow its natural growth, many of the evils complained of would disappear. They are due to artificial forcing beyond the wants and capacities of the people. Few have an adequate idea of the extent to which cleemosynary instruction is carried in this country. To pay the school fees of a poor lad who shows signs of exceptional ability, will commend itself to all as right. But the practice of paying the fees of a number of boys, merely because they are believed to be unable to do so themselves, seems to us as reprehensible as any other form of indiscriminate charity. Few are more likely to cherish "mistaken aspirations" than those who thus owe their education, not to their own self-denial, but to that of others.

The s. s. Maharatta.—Three officers belonging the s. s. Maharatta now in Madras roads, were admitted to the General Hospital on Sunday, suffering with acute dysentery, supposed to have been produced by bad water from Calcutta. The Marine Surgeon ordered all water used on board, as well as the utensils in which meals were prepared. Further investigations into the matter will be held by the Physician of the General Hospital and the Marine Surgeon.

CRICKET.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

The second match between two companies of the Volunteers was played yesterday on the Gymkhana ground, when A. company met E. company; the first match of this kind, it may be remembered, being between the C. and D. companies, in which D. gained a hollow victory.

Play commenced at 10-30, Lieut. Wyer, of the E. company, having won the toss, going to the wickets with Captain McKinch, the bowling for the A. company being entrusted to H Harrington and F. McRae. Captain McKinch played a steady innings for his 25 runs, and T. Ward a useful and somewhat hard hitting one, comprising two 5's, for 28; the other double figure scorers being Lance Corporal Thomson 14 not out, a carefully played innings, and Mull 13. The total amounted to 122.

The A company's first pair of batsmen were the brothers Harrington, who have already made their mark as steady reliable batsmen, and they nowise belied the confidence reposed in them, for by some very careful and steady batting, opposed to the bowling of Wyer, Read and Rowbottom, they conjointly raised the total to nearly 30 before the younger Harrington was run out, in attempting a very sharp run. He had made 14, and on his retirement met with the applause that his very good batting in every way deserved. Lieut. Chalmers was the only other one of the side who succeeded in getting into double figures, his contribution being 10. The eighth wicket to fall was H Harrington's, who had really shown a fine display of patient and careful defence to the excellent bowling of Rowbottom and Wyer. His wicket fell to a tremendous shooter from Rowbottom, who had already found his way to four wickets. He was loudly applauded for his play in putting together his score of 32, in which, however, he had given two chances—one over the bowler's head, and the other, a rather easy one, at square leg. The innings terminated with the score at 77. Five of the wickets had fallen to the steady bowling of Rowbottom and four to that of Wyer. The second innings of E Company may be dismissed in a very few words, as with the exception of Captain McHinch, who again played a most steady and useful innings for 21, and Corporal Mitchell and McKenzie, whose scores were 13 and 11 respectively, no one else did much, and the innings closed for 60, the A company thus requiring to make 106 to win. In their 2nd innings, however, the bowling of Wyer was so deadly that 5 of their wickets fell for 49 runs, and it is no reflection on the remaining players to say that they would not have got the balance of runs, 57, for Wyer having got on the spot had become irresistible and carried off the 6 wickets, clean bowled, that had fallen up to this point, when the game ended at the call of time. H Harrington had again played finely for his 26 runs, his defence being very strong and sure. The game being decided on the 1st innings, ending in favour of E Company by 47 runs.

PARSEE C. C. 1ST ELEVEN vs. NEXT TWENTY-TWO.

This match was played yesterday on the parade ground. The eleven going first to the wickets put together 154. The twenty-two, however, were not so successful, as they quickly succumbed to the destructive bowling of Kavirunji and Bhikaji, their total being only 50, and their 2nd innings was hardly more successful, realizing only 53 runs. The eleven thus won by an innings and 51 runs.

CALCUTTA RACES.

FOURTH DAY, 29TH DECEMBER 1877.

FIRST RACE.—The Chowringhee Cup, value Rs. 500. A handicap hurdle race for all horses 15 hands and under. R. C. and a distance over 7 flights of hurdles.

The Cid	1
Utah	2
Tommy	3

SECOND RACE.—The Marine Stakes. A handicap sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each for all accepting. For all Arabs. St Leger Course.

King Arthur	1
Ugly Buck	2
Navarino	3

Time—3 mins. 57 secs.

THIRD RACE.—The Kidderpore Plate. A handicap sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each for all accepting. For all horses. Distance 1 mile.

Dolly Varden won by a neck after a dead heat with Thisbe and Haidee Bibi. Time—1 min. 48 secs.

FOURTH RACE.—The Merchants' Cup, value Rs. 1,600, presented by the Merchants of Calcutta. A handicap for all horses. St. Leger Course.

Fisherboy	1
Raven	2
Kingfisher	3

Won easily. Time—8 mins. 10 secs., 12 miles.

FIFTH RACE.—The Hooghly Plate. A handicap sweepstakes of Rs. 50 each for all accepting. For all Arabs, Country-breds, and Gallowavs or other classes. R. C.

Mermaid	1
Crabbet	2
The Count	3

Time—3 mins. 31 secs.

FAMINE RELIEF OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF MYSORE,

For the week ending the 22nd December.

During the week — ing the 22nd December there was no rain, but cloudy weather and a clearer sky than the week previous were reported. [illegible] The showers of the preceding week also did some good, but there is a general agreement now that the crop which is partly out and partly on the ground is a much poorer one than was at first anticipated. The sudden and surprising revival in September, when it had been so nearly lost in the drought of July and August, led people to think of it as very good, whereas it was in reality only just saved: it has suffered since then from a plague of caterpillars; and in the Eastern Districts, where the loss of cattle and of population has been greatest, and hardly the usual area in cultivation has been cultivated, there is reason to doubt whether there is food enough on the ground to feed the population till the next crop comes in. The Chief Commissioner has been led by this consideration to review the question of the collection of Land Revenue, to put off the instalments from the 20th December to the 20th January, and to decide that, although no remissions of Revenue can be granted, the demand shall be postponed till next year in the case of all ryots who have only dry lands, and have not cultivated half of their usual area. The effect of the shortness of the crops is to be seen in the prices, which still rule high and have if anything risen a little since last week, especially in Mysore; and in the imports by rail which amount to 1,275 tons against 888 the week before. The exports from Bangalore also to the outlying districts continue to be brisk, and stand at almost the same figure as last week, 895 tons. The Civil Relief Officers have been mainly engaged during the week in carrying out the Preliminary Census, in preparation for the 19th January, and in distributing the funds allotted to them from the Mansion House Subscription. But several of them have suffered from the severe and unusual type of fever now prevalent; three officers have had to leave their posts, while others have been partially disabled. The number of persons employed on Civil Relief Works appears as 5,357 against 13,303 in the previous week. This decrease is mainly due to the steps taken in the Bangalore and Tumkur Districts to transfer the laborers from roads supervised by the Civil Agency to works under professional superintendence only; a small decrease however there was in any change, the circumstances of the case being a great stumbling-block to those who have any crops on the ground or any property in their houses, and the severer task-work exacted being a bugbear to the idle and weak. On works conducted by Professional Agency there has been a slight increase, the numbers being 45,289 against 45,163: the increase has been almost entirely in the Tumkur District, where the operations of the Department have been considerably extended; on the Railway and other works near Bangalore there is a falling off. The numbers on Gratuitous Relief amounted to 18,223, a decrease of 2,270 as compared with 15 493 in the week before. Of these 2,666 received grain doles in their villages, being old, bedridden, cripples, &c., against a return of 1,137 such cases in the previous week; but the returns of these numbers for both weeks have been incomplete. This mode of relief is now being put a stop to, the famine not being sufficiently severe to require it. Looking at the Relief Camps alone, the numbers have fallen from 14,356 to 10,618; of these 4,170 were sick in Hospital, leaving only about 6,500 as the ordinary inmates of the Relief Camps, out of whom again probably 1,500 are establishment. The actual number of paupers fed at Government expense is now extremely small, and it is hoped that before long this kind of relief will be closed altogether. There are still however considerable numbers [illegible] applications for admission: but the figures required to illustrate this point have not been received from all districts and will be given in the next report. The cost per head of feeding the paupers was at an average of 14 annas 6 pies compared with 15 annas 2 pies for the preceding week.

The interim report, dated the 29th ultimo, states that the weather continues fine and clear. No change in the prospects.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1876-77.

Simla, 31st October 1877.

Read letter from Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph Department, dated 10th August 1877, submitting the above report, and enclosure.

OBSERVATIONS.

It is reported that, owing to the defective arrangements of the Persian Postal Department, great difficulty is experienced in submitting the report by the date fixed (1st August), the Governor General in Council is therefore pleased to rule that the date of submission be changed from 1st of August to 1st October.

CAPITAL AND REVENUE.

2. The figures given in the report are only approximate ones, the accounts not having yet been finally booked.

3. The Capital Account has been increased by the addition of £657-11-4, and stood at the end of the year at £1,154,493-7-6.

4. The Revenue Account exhibits a loss of £6,140-9-2, by which sum the expenditure exceeded the receipts. In the previous year there was a profit of £10,466, so that the results of the year under review may be said to be worse by £16,606-9-2 than in 1875-76; the profit of that year was, however, due to exceptional causes, and a falling off in 1876-77 was anticipated; this point will be more fully alluded to under the head of "Traffic."

LINES.

5. The length of lines remain very much the same as in the last report; there being only a slight increase in total length of 3 miles due to alterations effected in the course of repairs on the Mekran Coast section.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

6. In the Persian section—Tehesan to Bushire—778 new iron poles have been substituted for the old wooden standards, and the wires are now borne entirely upon iron supports.

7. The line is reported to be at present in excellent condition and pole shooting by which so many stand ards have been damaged in previous years has, the Governor General in Council is pleased to observe, decreased in a most satisfactory manner, partly owing to improved conservancy arrangements, and partly from the disappearance of some of the worst offenders.

8. In the Persian Gulf section several faults have been cut out of cables of the sub-marine line at different times during the year, and breakages repaired.

On the land line of this section, 6,900 old and defective insulators have been replaced by a corresponding number of new ones, and a considerable quantity of corroded wire has been replaced by new material.

9. The main Cables of the sub-marine line are reported to be in good condition, except the shore ends, which have slightly deteriorated, though not sufficient to cause any impediment to signalling operations.

INTERRUPTIONS.

10. Appendix 6 shows the various interruptions on the land line of the Persian Gulf section, and the manner in which they were caused, and Appendix 5 exhibits the interruptions on the sub-marine line of the same section. The former were interrupted in the aggregate for 14 days 9 hours and 13 minutes, and the latter for 30 days 1 hour; but none of these interruptions occasioned cessation of traffic, one or other of the lines being always available for use.

11. The interruptions which occurred on the Persian section are exhibited in Appendix 7, and were in the the aggregate as follows:—

	Days.	Hours.	Minutes.
1. Wire	19	23	13
2. Ditto	3	15	59
3. Ditto	0	20	0

The aggregate cessation of traffic was therefore something less than 1 day, and was caused by violent storms.

12. Paragraph 21 of the report shows that some of the interruptions on the Mekran Coast land line were occasioned by wilful cutting of the wires. The matter is being enquired into by the local political authorities.

13. Though the interruptions to traffic aggregated only 20 *hours* on the Government lines as above noted, yet they amounted to as much as 20 *days* on the Indo-European Company's lines, and were caused by violent storms and snow-falls.

14. An alternative wire has lately been erected by the Company between Ekaterinodar, Stavropol, and Tiflis, which will, it is believed, do much to diminish the number of such interruptions on the Company's lines in future.

15. The returns of interruptions show considerable improvement over those for last year, and Appendices 5 and 6 give all the requisite information for the Mekran Coast and sub-marine lines, but Appendix 7 for the Persian line is not so complete, and does not show the causes of interruptions. The Governor General in Council requests that this information may be supplied in next year's report.

16. Appendix 8 comparing the interruptions for the last three years shows a progressive improvement that has taken place on the Government lines. The Company's system has not been so fortunate, and suffered about four times as much as in 1874-75 though less than in 1875-76. The interruptions occurred chiefly in the neighbourhood of the Caucasus, and were occasioned by heavy falls of snow and storms.

17. The Turkish route is reported to have been interrupted in the aggregate for 30 days and 7 hours.

TARIFF AND TRAFFIC.

18. Statement J shows that the percentage of messages transmitted through the Persian Gulf section without error is much larger than it was in the previous year; this is very satisfactory. Similar information should have been given for the Persian section, and it is requested that this omission be supplied in future reports.

19. The average speed of transmission of messages through the Persian Gulf section, Statement H, contrasts very favourably with the previous year. Similar information should be given in future regarding the Persian section.

20. Statement G shows that the average speed of transmission of messages between the United Kingdom and Calcutta has improved by 49 minutes via the Indo-European route and by 8 minutes *via* the Red Sea route as compared with last year, which is satisfactory.

21. The tariff to Europe remained the same throughout 1876-77 as in the previous year, *viz.*, Rs. 2-8 per word.

22. The income of 1875-76 was abnormally high owing to the prolonged break of the Red Sea cable during that year, so that the revenue for 1876-77 has been compared by the Director-in-Chief with the more normal year of 1874-75.

23. The revenue for the year 1874-75 amounted to £66,192, while that for 1876-77 is shown to have been £66,935. The increase is attributed to the more increased interruptions on the Indo-European Company's lines, partly to the withdrawal from Persia of a Packing Agency at Bushire, which, however, has recently been re-opened at Teheran, and partly to the Eastern Extension Company's cable which was laid through during 1874-75, having been disabled for no less than seven months during 1876-77, which accident considerably reduced the Far-East traffic. On the other hand, however, the "Special *Times* messages" and the diversion of some of the Far-East traffic to the Indo-European route have brought increased revenue, and on the whole the operations of the year may be considered fair.

24. The introduction of the word "Tariff," which came into force on the 1st January 1876, appears to have been much appreciated by the public, as shown by the following comparison:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.
Messages transmitted by the Persian Gulf cables	No. 36,931	No. 45,209
Words contained therein	588,900	884,913
Revenue derived therefrom	Rs. 589,015	Rs. 883,185

The above figures show that, while the number of messages has increased considerably, the number of words has been more than doubled. The average number of words per message has thus increased, and so has the average revenue per message, so that financially it may be considered that the word tariff has not been unsuccessful, and it is anticipated that the change will eventually lead to an increase of income.

25. As mentioned in paragraph 2, the accounts for 1876-77 had not been finally closed at the date of submitting the report under review, the figures given therein are necessarily approximate only. For the same reason the figures now quoted for 1875-76 do not always agree with those published in the report for that year, and where differences occur, it is in consequence of the adoption of corrected figures.

26. In reviewing the report for 1875-76, the Government of India drew the attention of the Director-in-Chief to several points, of which the following are the most important: (1) that the traffic tables did not distinguish between official and private messages; (2) the notable absence of any tables and details to show the working, &c., of the Persian section; (3) the completion of Table K (J of present report) by giving the percentages of the year as well as of the month.

It is regretted that the information required has not been given because of the late date on which orders issued on the last report, but his Excellency in Council trusts that it may be given in the report for the current year.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

27. The Governor General in Council notes with satisfaction that the general conduct of the employes is reported to have been good.

LIABILITY UNDER BILLS OF LADING NOT SIGNED BY THE CAPTAIN.

We believe that, as a rule, in England Bills of Lading for goods shipped by Canal Steamers are signed by the Agents of such vessels, and it very seldom happens that their Commanders repudiate their liability to deliver the goods, and in default thereof, to make good their value on the ground that the Bills of Lading under which the claim is made, have not been signed by the Masters. A case has, however, recently been decided in Colombo, from which it would appear that legally, a suit for goods claimed under a Bill of Lading not signed by the Captain, would not lie as against the Captain. The judgment is an important one. The decision in the case we now quote was in favour of the plaintiff, but it will be seen that the Bill of Lading was considered a piece of mere waste-paper, and that judgment was obtained simply because there were other facts proved which established the claims of the plaintiff beyond a doubt.

This is an action against the master of the ship Eldorado to recover the value of an iron girder which he is alleged to have received on board the said ship at London, and to have [illegible] agreed" to deliver the same in good order and condition (certain perils and casualties only excepted) to the Government of Ceylon or their assigns in Colombo. It is proved to have been lost overboard in the harbour of Colombo, in the course of its unloading and delivery. The defendant denies the allegations in toto; denies that he signed the Bill of Lading filed in the case, which, it must be observed, is neither declared upon nor in any way referred to, in the libel, and which (as transpired at the trial) was drawn up by the plaintiff at the defendant's request, and without the knowledge that the girder was lost after it had on the ship's tackle, and [illegible] allege that the loss was occasioned by the perils and accidents of the sea from liability on account of which he says he was exempted by the said Bill of Lading; and also that the loss was occasioned by the carelessness and negligence of the plaintiff's servants.

There is no evidence of any written contract entered into by or binding on the defendant. When the Bill of Lading was tendered in evidence on behalf of the plaintiff, it was found not to have been signed by the defendant, but by somebody else; somebody else and nothing to show that the latter had authority either general or special expressed or implied either by law, or by the course of dealing in respect to "Home" Bills of Lading to sign for or to bind the master of the ship. There is nothing whatever before the Court to connect the master with the document.

But there is ample evidence of an unwritten implied agreement by the chief officer to carry and safely deliver the girder, cargo and for freight. It is not necessary to appeal to whom show-off and loquacity are as necessary as the air she breathes. In no country, perhaps, can the amateur of either sex be seen to such perfection as in India. In many places the dearth of unprofessional, is a necessity. He is the right man in the right place in the opera stalls, whilst she is a luxury and, from her rarity, is much prized when she happens to be ready and willing to amuse her friends. Anglo-India abounds in fairly good actors who may well be considered, and the second-rate companies that favour us occasionally with their presence. The many opportunities now afforded us of visiting Europe even for a few brief months, initiate the amateur into the novelties and changes of theatrical life. He is quick learner and intelligent, gets at a glance what is meant by "answer" in Dustypore or Musherabad, and notes with wonderful rapidity tones, trick and intricacies of "business," to reproduce them on an Anglo Indian stage. He revels in relief to the land of hit-me monotony, the country of routine par excellence, full of amusing notes, hints and suggestions of every variety and description, able and willing to sketch a plot for a play, or write out the scene necessary for a burlesque. Heat and fatigue, worries, annoyances jealousies and petty vexations, are nothing to the Anglo-Indian amateur, for he triumphs over them all, and his efforts to please often meet with complete success.

The amateur actress is of another stamp. She is not necessarily frivolous or foolish; her cleverness is not always "show off," nor are her manners full of affectation. Very frequently she acts simply to please a circle of acquaintances, or to oblige a few friends and intimates. There are many difficulties to contend against. Isolated, [illegible] expenses of dress or conveyance which her [illegible] purse may not always be equal to, long minutes passed in waiting for others to assemble, and endless half hours to be spent in hot corners until her turn comes to appear on the boards. Funkids are forbidden things, windows are closed to prevent sound escaping, whilst many trifling difficulties have to be conquered, and good temper and good nature to be constantly exercised. In another case she may be [illegible] a married lady with a large household to keep in order, with a garden to superintend, and numerous duties to fulfil. Her social obligations cannot be neglected; and she is doubtless secretary to some charitable society and helps in any good work going on. Her visiting list cannot be neglected, her dinner parties must be given, the comforts of her household attended to. Then amateur actress of this stamp, is a spare some hours of her valuable time and gives up her precious moments of leisure to the weariness of rehearsals, much praise is due, in a country where amusements (say what favourites will are few and far between and adapted rather to youthful tastes than to the requirements of the general public.

I think I may say without much fear of contradiction that "The Serious Family" played at the College Hall on the 16th and 17th instant, was a success in more senses than one. It was carefully acted throughout; the stitches were more apparent to actors than to audience, and some of the "situations" were skilfully rendered, attitudes and expressions being striking, and the scenes "strongly marked," artistic effects were by no means neglected, and, taken all in all, I have rarely seen an amateur performance go more smoothly.

On Saturday a hitches somewhat marred the general effect of the performance but on Monday they had all disappeared, and neither helplessness nor haziness about positions and cues interfered with the completeness and *thoroughness* of the play. I am told that much of the success of the piece was due to the efforts and excellent management of one of the best stage managers Madras has ever seen. Captain Shelley Leigh Hunt, whose stay here is to be brief, is a host in himself. He has tact, patience, and good temper, is indulgent with beginners but full of hints and happy suggestion when "situations," business, and all stage difficulties are in question. He possesses that quickness of eye, sense of humour, and grasp of perplexing dilemmas and theatrical intricacies, which are so rarely the gifts of the amateur. Like an artist he groups his characters well, and even wooden attitudes and stiff ungraceful poses become easy and natural, thanks to his intelligent eye and skilful directions. Captain Shelly Leigh Hunt is a capital actor as well as a good stage manager. Nature has gifted him with marvellous flexibility of features and rapid changes of expression. He laughs or weeps with equal ease, and his comedy and burlesque are essentially humorous and mirth-provoking. He would be a great acquisition in Madras, and, with any management of "The Serious Family" will not easily be forgotten by the actors, who all speak highly of his ready kindness and tact in connection with the play. Perhaps one or two critics might be found who, like the Dean of Carlisle, object to plays in general on principle, and "The Serious Family" in particular, but, taken all in all, the performance was, I believe, universally approved of.

SHOCKING BOILER EXPLOSION AT HONGKONG.

An inquest on the bodies of those who were killed by the explosion on board the Yesso on the 22nd Nov. was commenced on the same day at 4 o'clock at the Government Civil Hospital, before James Russell, Esq., Coroner. The following gentlemen were sworn in as a jury—Messrs. Moseley, Radecker, and Meyenberg. The Coroner said this was an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a number of men (Chinese) who were killed by an explosion on board the s.s. Yesso. The circumstances, as far as yet known, were simply these: that deceased and a number of other men were on board the steamer, when by some means an explosion took place, scalding a number of people. There were altogether [illegible] persons who had been [illegible] on behalf of the steamer, and there were up to the present time 37 deaths registered. Out of the 89 were sent to the Tung-wah Hospital, and some of these were included in the number of deaths. It was a very deplorable accident, but it was useless speculating on the causes, as the investigation would make everything clear. What he proposed to do now was simply to view the bodies, and then go on board the steamer and examine the scene of the accident. Everything on board had been left exactly as it was after the removal of the injured people. The jury then proceeded to view the bodies, after which they visited the hall where the bodies of the injured persons (living) are lying. They next went on board the steamer, and Captain Ashton explained the nature of the accident. The back of the boiler, he said, was blown out, and the steam escaping the men made a hatch in the forehold and admitted the steam into the between deck. The hatch on the upper deck was also forced up. He then showed the jury the piece of the boiler, which was lying about 20 feet away; and Mr. Russell remarked that it would be advisable to have it taken up to the Court.

Theo. Bernard, the Chief Engineer, was called. He said:—I am the Chief Engineer of the s. s. Yesso.

The Coroner here remarked to Mr. Brereton that as he appeared on behalf of the Chinese as well as the owners he need hardly remind him that the witnesses need not answer any questions which might injure the officers. Addressing Mr. Bernard he said, Of course, Mr. Bernard, you are not bound to answer any questions which you think may be detrimental to yourself in the event of any action being taken by the Government for criminal negligence.

Mr. Brereton said he was sure Mr. Bernard had no desire to hide anything, but would tell all he knew. The Coroner said he quite believed that, but he (the Coroner) had to caution the witness. Of course he had no power to compel a witness to answer any question, but anything he said could be used against him.

Examination continued—I have been Chief Engineer continuously since 1865. I came out as second engineer in the same steamer from New York. We left there in December 1864, arriving here in April 1865. I commenced going to sea as an engineer in 1854 or 1855, and have been constantly employed as an engineer from that date until the present. I served a four years' apprenticeship to the business at a machine shop in New York. I hold an engineers' certificate, given to me by an American Government Inspector, which entitles me to be employed as an engineer on board a ship; it was granted to me in 1854 or 1855. The first steamer I joined had seven engines—two first, two second, and two third, as well as a Chief engineer. I enrolled on the Yesso's books when the Yesso had; they were taken out in the beginning of 1874, and replaced by new ones. The engines and boilers were constructed in New York. The engines were side lever engines, and were of 250 horse power. The boilers were laid fore and aft and were called flue boilers. Some of the old boiler plates were 3/8 inch thick, and others 7-16 inch thick. They were from rolled plates of Lowmoor iron. These boilers lasted from 1864 to 1874. In 1869 or 1870 we had a thorough overhaul of the boilers. The new boilers were made by the Hongkong and Whampoo Company at Whampoa. The materials they were made of were supposed to be Lowmoor iron of 3/4-inch and 7-16th, and we had no reason to suppose to the contrary before, but there were some small alterations. I cannot say whether they were actually made of 3/8 or 7-16ths or not. I believe they were. I also believe that they were made of Lowmoor iron, which was the iron contracted for. The boilers were 36 feet long 10 feet 6 inches in diameter each. There are 18 or 20 flues in each boiler, the largest are about 13 inches in diameter, and the smallest about 8 inches in diameter. There are three furnaces to each boiler. There are four ends of three boilers, and two lower. The fire passes through the tubes to the combustion box, which is near to the end of the boiler remote from the fire, and then returns by the upper tiers of flues and passes out by the funnel. The length of the flues is about 2 feet by 6 feet and by 9 feet. There are gusset stays at the end of the boiler. The stays originate from the top running towards the end, to which they are riveted the angle [illegible] to the shell of the boiler and also to the head of the boiler. In the boiler which has barrel, there are eight such stays. When the new boilers were put in at Whampoa I was present, and I saw them tested by cold water pressure; they were tested to 90

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